



## CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

### ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN

I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

March 14, 2012

## PI AND PIE DAY

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, March 14, we have the opportunity to celebrate Michigan's rich and plentiful agricultural resources, as well as remind Michigan's students of the importance of math and science education; and,

WHEREAS, studies show that students taking four years of math courses, including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II and one higher-level course are more likely to succeed not only in college, but in the workplace as well; and,

WHEREAS, it is on this day that we encourage students to learn about Pi, a mathematical constant for the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter; Pi is an infinite number and with the help of technology, has been calculated to more than 1 trillion non-repeating digits past the decimal; and,

WHEREAS, the Greek symbol for Pi ( $\pi$ ) was first used in 1706 by Welsh mathematician William Jones, but was made popular in 1737 by Swiss mathematician Leonhard Euler; and,

WHEREAS, though Pi is never ending, it is often limited to 3.14, and that is why we celebrate Pi and Pie Day on March 14; and,

WHEREAS, on this day, we raise awareness and reiterate the vital roles math and science education play in the lives of our children, but we also encourage Michigan citizens to eat a piece of pie or pot pie made with fresh fruits or vegetables grown right here in our great state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, March 14, 2012 as Pi and Pie Day in Michigan.



Rick Snyder  
Governor

